

Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the interview conducted on August 25, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 06 November 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Naneff on August 25, 2004. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, part (d), line 1 of (ii), "a reel assemble" has been changed to -- a reel assembly--; part (e), line 2 of (iii), "the planar members" has been changed to -- the planar surface --; and part (e), line 3 of (iv), the comma has been changed to a period.

In claim 2, line 1, "elongated" has been changed to -- the elongated --.

In claim 3, line 1, "extension members" has been changed to -- the extension members--; and the last three lines have been replaced by the followings: -- extend to a dimension generally equal to a license plate.--.

The entirety of claim 4 has been replaced by the followings:

-- 4. The universal license plate cord winder of claim 3 wherein all four corners of the mounting plate are removed in order to allow a slidable insertion of said mounting plate into a license plate bracket.--.

In claim 5, line 1 has been replaced by the followings: -- The universal license plate cord winder of any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein a female connector--; and the last line has been replaced by the followings: -- within a vehicle engine compartment or rear compartment. --.

The entirety of claim 6 has been replaced by the followings:

-- 6. The universal license plate cord winder of any one of claims 1-3 wherein the spring of the hatch assembly has a spring load of a greater force than a load exerted from the rotary spring coil of the reel assembly within the housing.--.

The entirety of claim 8 has been replaced by the followings:

-- 8. The universal license plate cord winder of any one of claims 1-3 wherein the cord winder is arranged in combination with a license plate on a vehicle to enable a connection to an electrical load within a vehicle compartment so as to protect the connection from exposure to weather elements. --.

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark T. Le whose telephone number is 703-308-3663. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri (8:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Samuel Morano can be reached on 703-308-0230. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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